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My two cents worth.

There really is a difference between aggressive business practices and ones that are predatory. Microsoft's fall squarely into the latter.

The proposed remedy as I understand it will allow Microsoft to do nothing more than give away software, services, and some refurbished PC's to schools.

Does anyone not see the problem with this? Apple computer's last stronghold is the educational market. If you allow Microsoft to give the software and PC's away to schools, then you will be doing the same thing as driving nails into Apple's coffin.

A better remedy, would be to take the one billion dollars and make Microsoft buy Apple Macintosh computers with it. This will accomplish two things. 1st, it will allow a company that is a real competitor to gain more of a foothold and possibly even have a better chance of competing with them. 2nd, this will cost Microsoft the full one billion dollars. If you allow them to give away software, this costs them nothing. Hit them where it hurts and give another standard a chance to flourish.

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